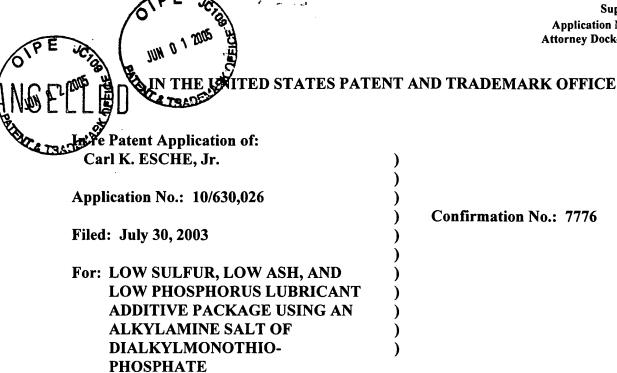
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, Applicants submit herewith information which may be material to the examination of the above-captioned application.

Specifically, the information comprises references that have become known to Applicants and their attorneys. Those references are listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the foreign patent documents are attached. A copy of the foreign search report dated March 4, 2005 is also attached.

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It is respectfully requested that these references be fully considered in their entirety, and that the references be made of record in the above-captioned application. It is also respectfully requested that the Examiner initial in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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## Conclusion

It is believed that all provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 have been complied with, and consideration of these references is most respectfully requested.

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